**DICE GAME:**  Roll the virtual dice. Whatever number you land on, is the number of your question. Have fun answering these questions with a group or partner ☺

1. Herodotus states that when a storm damaged the bridge Xerxes had had built across the Hellespont, Xerxes got mad, and ordered the water be lashed and otherwise punished. Is Xerxes a crazy man? Or was he unfairly portrayed by Herodotus? Why/ Why not?
2. Do you think Xerxes should have become King of Persia? Or do you believe Artabazanes was the rightful heir? Why/ Why not?
3. If you were Xerxes would you attempt to steal the throne from Artabazanes, knowing it was against Iranian law? Why?
4. Herodotus is a funny guy, and tends to tell really interesting stories. Do you think he is a reliable source? Why/ why not?
5. In ancient history, it is a prominent tendency to do anything in your power to take kingship. Many kings in the past have lied and murdered their way to the top. Why do you think that is the case?
6. Knowing what you do about Xerxes, do you predict that he will make a good king? Why/ why not? What is your idea of a good king?